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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~A distributed storage network of computers is disclosed in which a determination~~
as to whether to store a data item at a computer connected to ~~[[said]]~~ a distributed
storage network of computers is made in dependence on a policy document associated
with that data item. The policy document is constructed in accordance with a Document
Type Definition expressed in extensible Markup Language (XML). This provides a more
flexible method of system managed storage ~~than has hitherto been achieved.~~